

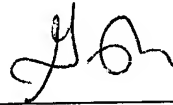
**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Although it is not agreed that the rejection is appropriate, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants hereby submit a terminal disclaimer with respect to co-pending application no. 10/045,405.

In view of the foregoing, it would appear that the outstanding rejection is overcome and is respectfully requested that the application be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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